

Pilot program to develop programs to improve student performance  
(HB 2816 by Colbert/Barrientos)

**DIGEST:** HB 2816 would have required the commissioner of education to establish a pilot program for developing effective education programs to improve students' academic performance.

**GOVERNOR'S  
REASON  
FOR VETO:**

This bill did not receive an appropriation and is unnecessary because this legislation duplicates the programs established in the Education Excellence Program for Texas.

**RESPONSE:**

Rep. Paul Colbert, the author of HB 2816, said that the bill did not require an appropriation since the money that school districts receive for compensatory education would have been adequate for funding the pilot program. Similar pilot programs in the Education Excellence Program for Texas do not deal with elementary-level students, as this program would have. Rep. Colbert said the bill would have provided local districts an opportunity to develop creative solutions to help non-performing students and establish a system for reporting the findings. He noted that at one time the provisions of the bill had been part of the Texas Education Agency sunset legislation and would have become law had it been left in the sunset bill.

**NOTES:**

HB 2816 passed the House on the Consent Calendar and was not analyzed in a Daily Floor Report.